

File No. 3.

Hays Co.

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Travis Preemp.

Abst - 446

J. J. Staples

160 ac.

Act Aug. 12. 1870.

Correction map of Hays Co.  
Aug. 24/73. R. M. Trotz  
Dec 15 77. V. L. Schmidt  
+ soned. 1878

Correct for patenting

Decr. 15/77

Patented Jan 9/878

No. 429.

Vol. 6.

St. Louis

March 1878  
by money deposited  
3202. ~~in~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~for~~

C. C. Oct. 23. 72. Richardson

No 1. affidavit & designation  
" 2. Fieldnotes  
" 3. Art. of occupancy.

Decr 15/77.  
E. Back

Debr. 15/77 \$5.00  
deposited by  
J. J. Staples

Dripping Springs P. O.  
C. S. 12. Hays Co.  
Condition reported to Dripping  
Feb 17/78

No 29 The State of Texas

County of Hays

Before the undersigned authority  
personally appeared T. J. Staple  
applicant and J. M. White and J.A.  
Ashby, witnesses to me well known who  
being duly sworn according to law de-  
clare that said T. J. Staple is bona fide  
settled upon vacant public domain  
the same described in the accompanying  
plan under an act to regulate the  
disposal of the Public Lands of the  
State of Texas approved August 12 1870  
and that he has not a homestead

T. J. Staple

J. M. <sup>and</sup> White

J. A. Ashby

Swearn to and subscribed before me this the  
31st day of July AD 1871

In testimony whereof I  
have hereunto affixed my  
official seal and signature

Ed. J. L. Green

No 29 Designation Clerk D. C. Hays, Esq,  
to the Surveyor of Hays County  
By virtue of the accompanying af-  
fidavits No 29 made in accordance  
with the 2nd Section of an act to reg-  
ulate the Disposal of the Public  
Lands in the State of Texas approved  
August 12 1870, I hereby apply for a  
Survey of the following premises in-  
cluding my improvements, viz

Beginning at the H.C. Runtree Survey  
South Corner, Thence S $45^{\circ}$  E 584 as  
Thence South  $45^{\circ}$  W 584 as, at this point  
begin this survey, Thence S $10^{\circ}$  E 950  
yards N $10^{\circ}$  E 950 as, Thence N $10^{\circ}$  W 950 as  
Thence N $10^{\circ}$  W 950 as to the beginning  
so as contains 160 acres

I. I. Stat. C.

The State of Texas  
County of Hays

I, B.C. Hardin, Surveyor  
of Hays County, certify that the  
above and foregoing is duly and  
correctly recorded in Book C. page  
73 & 74, of Record of Deeds

In testimony whereof I, hereunto  
set my name officially, done  
at office in the City of San Marcos  
August 29th A.D. 1871

B.C. Hardin

Surveyor of Hays

County



No 29

P. J. Staples

Mailed for Record at  
4 o'clock P.M. July the  
1st AD 1871

B. C. Hardin  
Surveyor of Cass  
County

Recorded 99

No 113

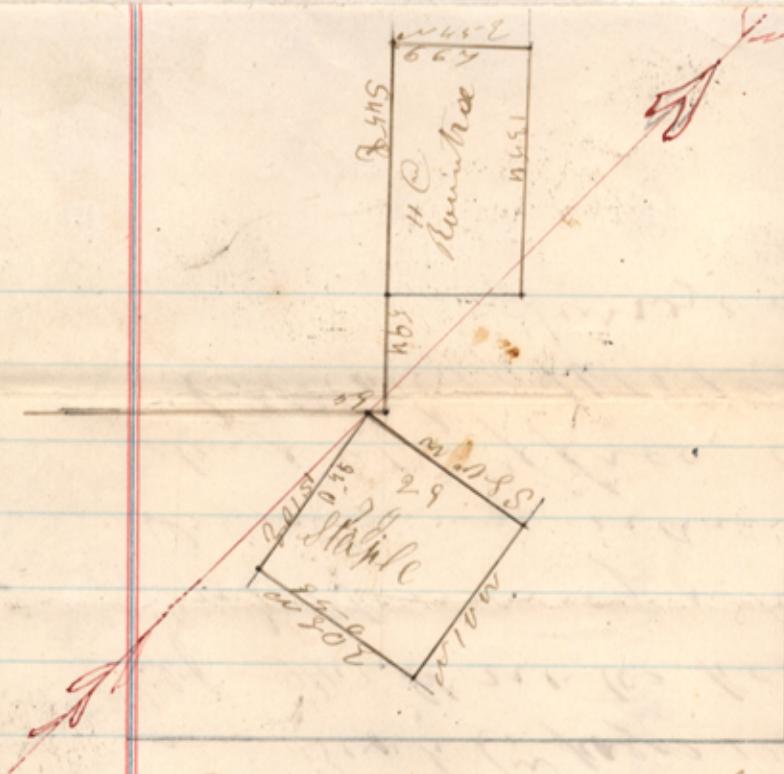
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P. J. Staples

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Designation

Filed Oct 12 PM



The State of Texas  
County of Gray  
Plat and Deed  
notes of Preempt  
tive no 28.

Quantity 160 acres  
for J. D. Staples

By virtue of his preemption  
file and affidavits no 28. In the  
second week of July the 21st AD  
1871. Recorded in Book C page 23  
Record of Deeds August 29th 1871, made  
in accordance with the 2nd section  
of an act approved August 12, 1870  
for the disposal of the public lands  
of the State of Texas.

This Survey contains 160 acres  
located in Gray County Texas  
on the Southern Waters of Amari  
Creek about ~~24~~<sup>20</sup> miles ~~W~~<sup>SW</sup> from  
San Marcos.

Beginning at the South corner of  
the H.C. Pauntree Survey, thence  
S $45^{\circ}E$  594 as, thence S $45^{\circ}W$  38 as to a  
stone mound, for the N.W. corner  
of this Survey, from which a line  
was run N.E. S $66\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}E$  843 as  
and N.W. S $90^{\circ}E$  31 as.  
Courtice mound to N $21^{\circ}W$

Peach mount has a side  
Hence \$10.8 850. is to a stone  
mount, from which a line ran  
backwards to \$186.873<sup>4</sup> is. Hence  
\$180.8 850 is to a stone mount  
on a hill. Hence \$10.<sup>W.</sup> 8950  
is to a stone mount on a hill  
from which Pecan tree mount  
is down Peach mount has  
\$134.<sup>2</sup> 8 Hence \$80.<sup>0</sup> 850 is  
to beginning of B.C. Hardin  
chain Robert Ross 3 Surveyor <sup>J.R.</sup>  
men S.C. Jennings.

I herewith certify that the above  
Survey was made by me according  
to Law. Myd notes set forth, correct  
in the above and foregoing, and that  
the said applicant be paid all  
the same at the time of making  
said Survey, the above Plat  
and Myd notes duly recorded  
in Book C pages 126 & 127. Record  
of Myd notes kept in this office  
Intestimoney where of I herewith  
sign my name officially  
done at Office the 10th day of  
October 1872 A.Hardin  
Surveyor of Hays County  
Texas

J. G. a

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Francis Preceptor

Feeble acres 169.

T. J. Staples

Filed Oct 12/72

Correct on map of Hays Co.  
January 2/73 W. Brodze

Patented January 8/78

(D. D. Davis)

C. L. Oct. 23. 72. Richardson

Preemptor number 29  
of Hays Co  
160 acres

D. J. Staples

Field notes

# Proof of Settlement under Homestead Act.

The State of Texas,  
County of *Kayes*

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, District Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, this day came and personally appeared *Thos J. Staples* a resident citizen of said County, who being by me duly sworn, declares that he is a bona fide settler upon 160 acres of vacant public land, situated in said County, and surveyed for *Thos J. Staples* on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of *July* 1871, by *B. C. Hardin* a Surveyor of said County; that he has occupied and improved the same as a Homestead for a period of three consecutive years, beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of *July* 1871, that he is *head of a family* and that he makes this affidavit for the purpose of obtaining a title to the same for a Homestead, under an Act supplementary to "An Act for the Benefit of Actual Occupants of the Public Lands," approved May 26th, 1873, and Acts prior thereto; and that he has not a Homestead other than the above.

AND also at the same time came and personally appeared, *W. S. Jennings* and *J. M. Jennings*, two credible resident citizens of said County, to me well known, who being duly sworn, depose and say that *Thos J. Staples* the person first above named in this affidavit, has actually settled upon and cultivated as a Homestead, the land surveyed for him on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of *July* 1871, by the Surveyor aforesaid, for the period of three years, and they nor either of them have any interest in the said land.

*T. J. Staples*  
*W. S. Jennings*

*G. M. Jennings*

*W. S. Jennings*

Sworn to and subscribed before me, and I hereby certify that *W. S. Jennings* and *J. M. Jennings* are credible and trustworthy citizens of said County.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the

seal of said County, at office, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

*January* 1871.

*Ed J L Green*  
Clerk of Dist. Court, *Kayes* County.



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Travis Preemption.

J. J. Staples  
160 acres

certificate of occupancy.

filed Decr 15/77

J. J. Staples  
Comr.

160 Acre homestead claim

## SETTLEMENT OF LAND

### PROOF OF

*J. J. Staples*  
Seller

Now comes Almon C. Chapman, his wife, and their son, John C. Chapman, all of whom are residents of the State of California, and do hereby declare:

We have been the bona fide owners of the above described land since the year 1852, before which time we had no interest in it, and we have always resided thereon, and have maintained our families upon said land, and have made improvements thereon, and have paid taxes thereon, and have paid all debts due on said land, and have always been law-abiding citizens, and have never sold or given away any part of said land.

We have never sold or given away any part of said land, and have always been law-abiding citizens, and have never sold or given away any part of said land.

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